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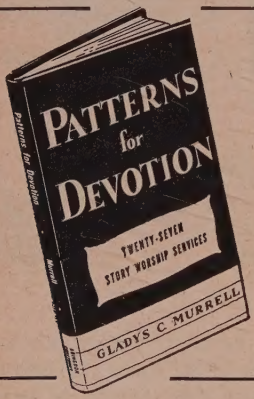

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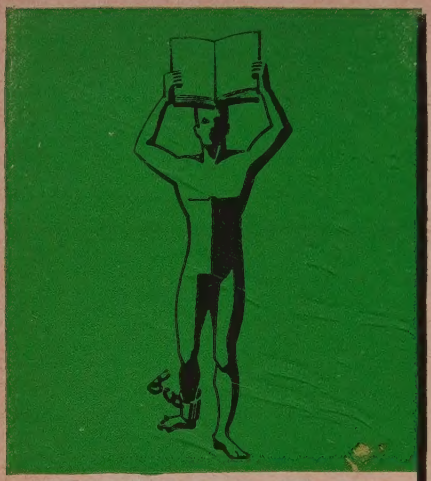

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A correspondent writes: "The war in Korea — perhaps the 'incident' to which historians will point as the beginning of World War III — puts an end to, and seals the doom of *Our Christian World Mission*. Force has to be met with force. And because most of our people believe this to be primary, there just won't be any enthusiasm for something as idealistic as *Our Christian World Mission*. Let's face facts."

Our correspondent seems to overlook three or more exceedingly important facts which, if recognized, may reveal certain even more important considerations:

1. Success cannot be achieved in an ideological struggle, either secular or ecclesiastical, without victory in the realm of ideas. Crusading ideas cannot be met successfully except by a counter-idea superior in strength and influence. Demigods of many sorts are demanding total worship.

From its very beginning, *Our Christian World Mission* has been concerned with a fecund idea: that the Christian gospel reaches deeper, goes farther, and offers infinitely more in terms of freedom, justice and security than any other faith, life-view or ideology. If we do not believe this — and if we are not willing to support it adequately — then we might well close up shop immediately.

2. Another fact that we must not forget is that if the so-called underprivileged peoples of the world see nothing ahead of them but continued illiteracy, frustration and insecurity, then military victory will be nothing more than another "cold" war between "hot" wars.

IN THE THICK OF THE STRUGGLE

Our Christian World Mission anticipated this possibility two years ago: declaring that, given adequate support, we, through our representatives at home and abroad, would be in the thick of the life-or-death struggle of the people in nearly every land for liberation from superstition and confusion, and for deliverance from defeatism and despair. Nothing could be more significant in this respect than the ministries, for example, of our American Board for Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, and the Council for Social Action.

3. The material and spiritual scars of World War II are still showing themselves in all their ugliness. A chief concern of *Our Christian World Mission,* through its Relief and Reconstruction program, has been to join with other Protestant fellowships in cleansing, restoring and reconstructing the broken tissues of life.

We cannot do all that is required — or that may be needed — but the problem has alerted our compassion and kindled our response. Today we must reinforce our healing ministry, and bend every effort to repair the broken structure of peace and confidence.

THE WAY OF LIFE

In summary, God has set before us a way of life and a way of death: of life in the freedom, justice and goodwill which Jesus Christ offers; of death in the authoritarian power-drives of this century. The latter were never more massive and implacable. Yet, the gospel of Jesus was never so persuasive nor so relevant. This is the "Either/Or" of this critical second half of the twentieth century.

To whom, to which ideology, to what way of life shall the people of the world turn for guidance at this time? Must they turn to the promises of the demagogues, the hierarchies, and to the philosophies of fear and hate? Shall these latter now firmly establish their world-wide influence while the liberating forces lie dormant and appear indifferent? Or, can we rally ourselves as Christians before it is too late?

On the pages of this special issue of *The Missionary Herald* is a skeleton report of what has been done in the first year and what must be done now for the success of *Our Christian World Mission*.

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WITHIN THE COMMUNIT

Services to the local church and communi

Church school materials, visual
missionary education, Christ
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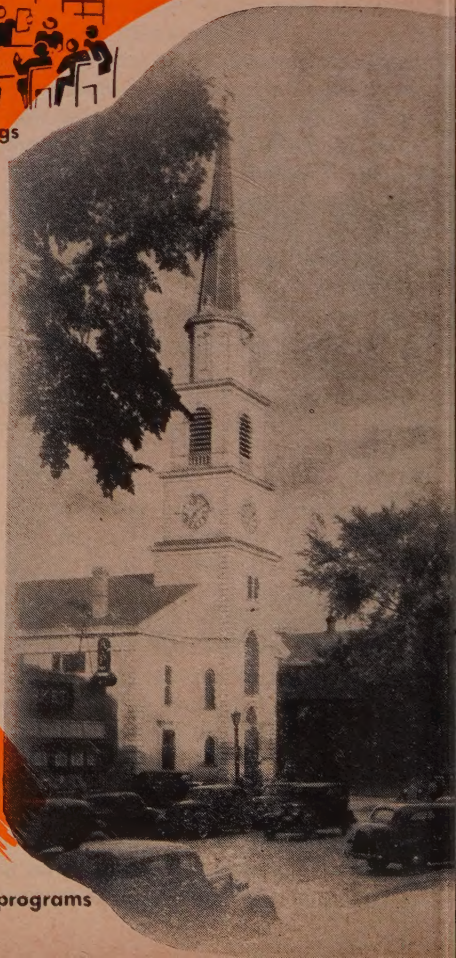
Leadership for summer
youth conferences and
for church missionary meetings

Support to ministerial
and lay-worker annuities

Sponsorship of interdenominational programs



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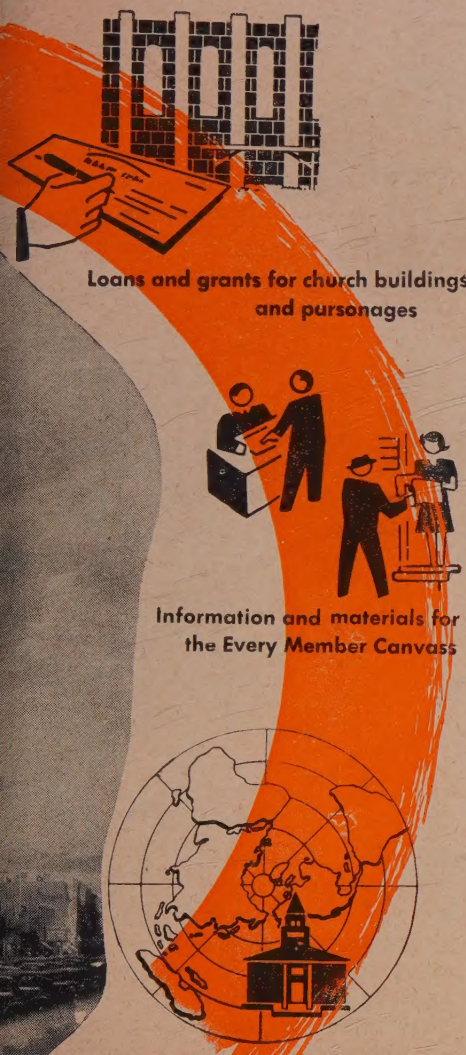
Loans and grants for church buildings and pursonages
Information and materials for the Every Member Canvass
Opportunities for state, national and world-wide service

Our Christian World Mission, as has been said from the very beginning, starts on our own doorsteps — in our own lives, in our own churches, in our own communities.

Reduced to its most practical terms, the purpose of *Our Christian World Mission* is to build a truly Christian community, and to constitute it in spiritual and civic freedom.

In other words, there is an important and urgent job for you and your church of the Pilgrim faith on Main and Liberty Streets, U.S.A.

Standing for liberty in fellowship according to the gospel law of justice and mercy; calling for allegiance to principles found in right human relations; and upholding and cultivating freedom of conscience in the worship of God and the service of men, our churches of the Pilgrim faith must be alerted to the life-and-death question of this hour: Can our culture, which is still latently Christian, be cleansed, restored and strengthened?

Our Christian World Mission has been designed to help you in this major task confronting our generation.

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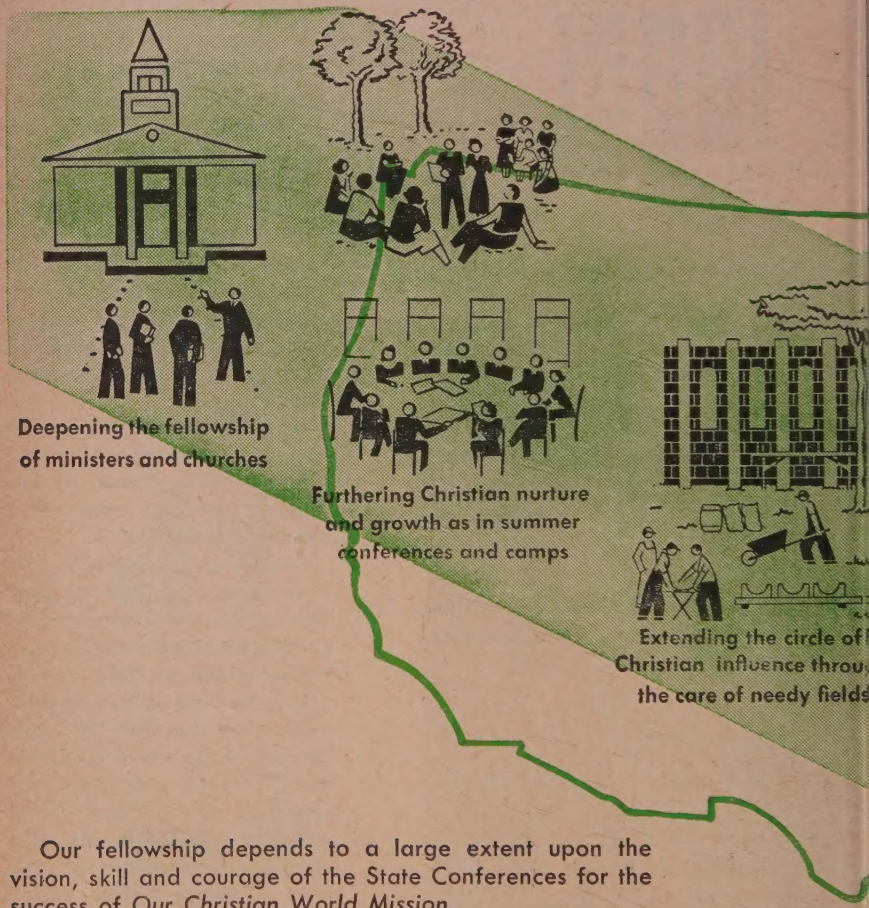
IN THE STATE CONFERE



Deepening the fellowship of ministers and churches

Furthering Christian nurture and growth as in summer conferences and camps

Extending the circle of Christian influence throu the care of needy fields

Our fellowship depends to a large extent upon the vision, skill and courage of the State Conferences for the success of *Our Christian World Mission.*

Either they discover locations and initiate plans for new churches, or the extension work of our denomination is handicapped; either they nurture the ministry in the field, or the fields go uncultivated; either they serve well our churches, or the churches lose contact with each other; either the State Conferences function strongly, or our fellowship functions weakly.

ES...

A strong network of spiritual communications runs through our American society. This is the organized religious life without which our nation would spiritually fall apart in the face of history's "Either/Or."

Our Congregational Christian fellowship is so organized that the freedom of each local church is protected: while, at the same time, every individual member and all local churches may unite creatively in a common cause.

Our State Conferences serve as a dynamic organizational support of our fellowship, and of *Our Christian World Mission*. Theirs is the task of bringing together the people and churches of our order for the laying of concerted plans and the attainment of important goals.

Counsel to ministers and churches are increasingly valued

Liaison between the local church and the denominational boards

Training church leadership through guidance and by provision of materials

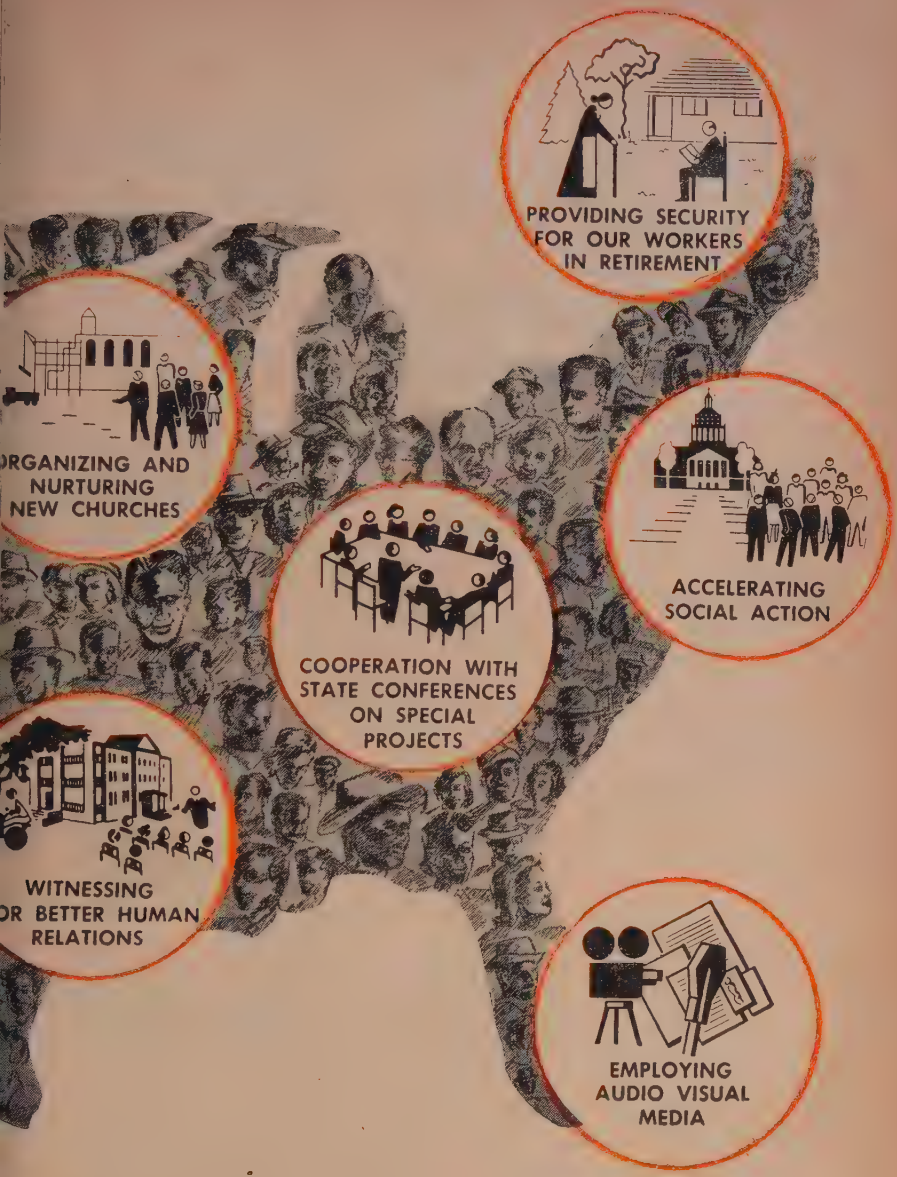
EITHER . . OR

ACROSS THE NATION...

INTERPRETING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AMONG STUDENTS
REVITALIZING OF CHURCHES
EMPHASIZING THE CHURCH TEACHING MISSION
RECRUITING AND TRAINING OF LAY AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

We in the United States confront the "Either/Or" of history in its most challenging terms. To us has been given success, prosperity and unlimited opportunity. No nation has ever equalled ours in education, technology and abundance; or borne so great a responsibility for the freedom and welfare of all mankind.

One of the major tasks of the Protestant churches of America is the saving, renewing and enrichment of a truly democratic way of life: by inspiring our people with a Christian love of liberty and justice, and by training them for leadership in creative human relations. Either we do this, or we fail our generation!


PROVIDING SECURITY FOR OUR WORKERS IN RETIREMENT
ORGANIZING AND NURTURING NEW CHURCHES
ACCELERATING SOCIAL ACTION
COOPERATION WITH STATE CONFERENCES ON SPECIAL PROJECTS
WITNESSING OR BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS
EMPLOYING AUDIO VISUAL MEDIA

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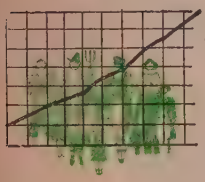
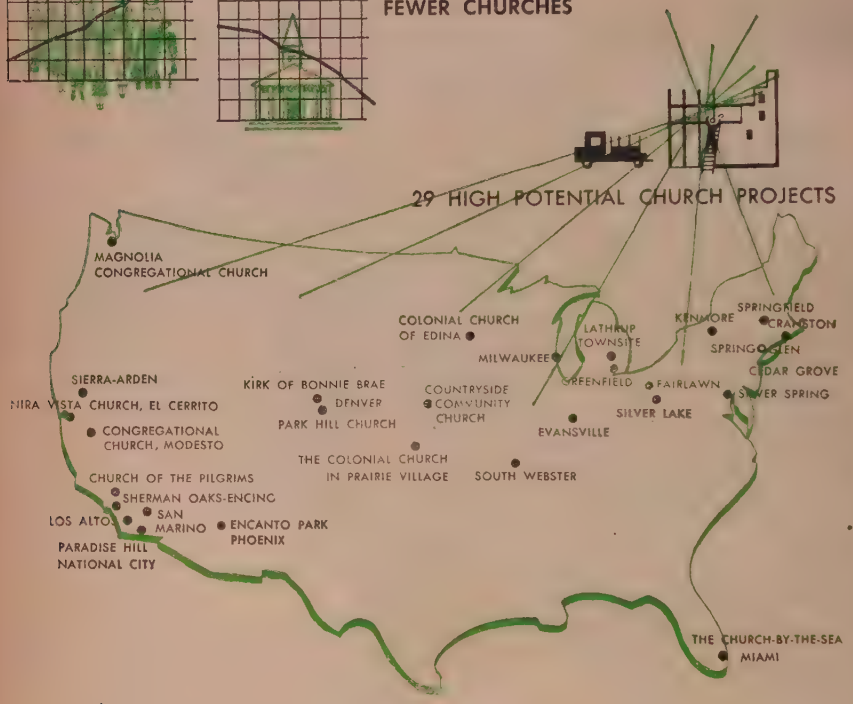
Organizing and nurturing new churches



MORE PEOPLE

FEWER CHURCHES



A living church is God's chief stronghold in the U.S. Through it the spirit flows to fill our basic needs for freedom, justice, happiness and true security. Here is faith's challenge to secular defeatism, and love's answer to the people's cry for peace and unity. Whoever builds a church on Christ's foundations creates a center of Christian worship, redemptive love, and spiritual freedom.

Above is a picture of the high potential church projects made possible by *Our Christian World Mission*. This is our Congregational Christian part in the forward-looking program of united Protestant churchmanship for churchless areas through comity assignments to various denominations. We have made a good beginning. But our share in this cooperative strategy calls for more churches!

EITHER . . OR

Revitalizing churches

in communities which have suffered critical religious depletion

MAKING SURVEYS

STUDENT SUMMER WORKERS OPENING CLOSED CHURCHES

MOVING LOCATION OR BUILDING EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL BUILDINGS

Many churches, weakened by conditions beyond their local control, can grow into strong, self-supporting, productive centers of freedom and fellowship — with temporary but immediate denominational assistance such as pictured at the left. Others must depend indefinitely upon denominational help. A church must not die because of our neglect. Whoever helps to revitalize a church shares in national redemption. More must be done about this problem.

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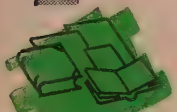
Emphasizing the teaching mission



TEACHING CURRICULUM

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

SUMMER CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

LAYMEN AND LAYWOMEN CONTINUING TO LEARN

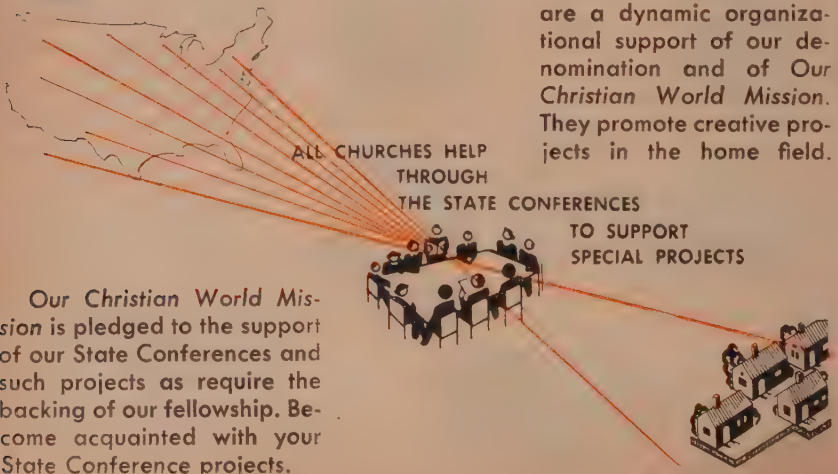
Christ has commissioned us to preach his gospel of love and goodwill: i.e., to teach his way of life. Only so may our children and young people develop the ability to stand on their own feet, to play a Christian role in the world of affairs, and to be decent as well as clever. Through *Our Christian World Mission,* we must supplement in a far more adequate way than at present our total Christian education program. Thus we confront the "Either/Or" with perseverance and faith.

Recruiting and training a strong lay and professional leadership

The well-trained leader has an advantage in our complex social order. Of course, Congregational Christian leaders cannot be — and need not all be — officially ordained. But our laymen and women, as well as our pastors, must be adequately equipped to lead in every phase of church and community life. Enlightened churchmanship in our free fellowship is based upon the "priesthood of all believers."

Cooperating with the Conferences

Our State Conferences are a dynamic organizational support of our denomination and of *Our Christian World Mission*. They promote creative projects in the home field.



Our Christian World Mission is pledged to the support of our State Conferences and such projects as require the backing of our fellowship. Become acquainted with your State Conference projects.

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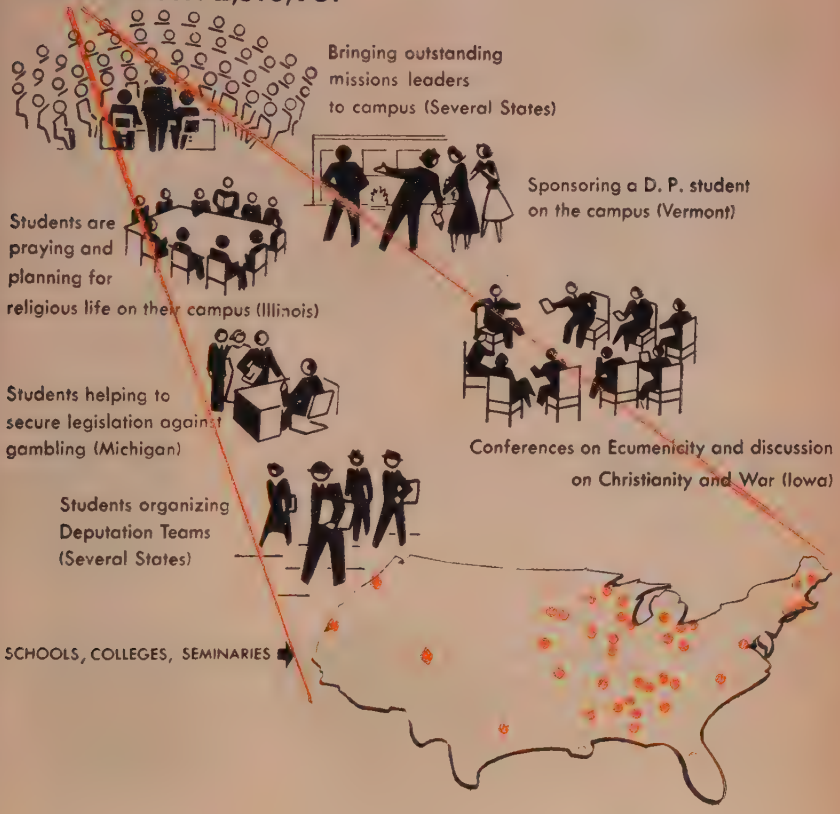
Interpreting the Christian faith

in student communities

ENROLLMENT: 2,510,981


Bringing outstanding missions leaders to campus (Several States)
Sponsoring a D. P. student on the campus (Vermont)
Students are praying and planning for religious life on their campus (Illinois)
Students helping to secure legislation against gambling (Michigan)
Conferences on Ecumenicity and discussion on Christianity and War (Iowa)
Students organizing Deputation Teams (Several States)
SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, SEMINARIES

The passion of our time among our people is for "education." In line with our historic Congregational concern for education, we are working, wherever funds permit, among our U. S. student population (2,510,981) to produce Christian young men and women both spiritually gifted and intellectually superior, both scientifically proficient and emotionally mature. Through *Our Christian World Mission,* which is providing funds for the strengthening of our church-related schools and colleges and for the development of other Christian ministries on the campuses of America, we clearly reveal and renew our historic concern for education.

EITHER . . OR

Witnessing for better human relations,

continuing our historic ministry to minority and underprivileged peoples and centers

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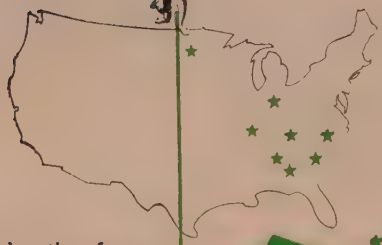
LEADERS AND FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH OUR CHURCHES TO HELP NINE COMMUNITY CENTERS TO HELP THEMSELVES TOWARDS . . .



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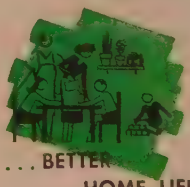

. . . BETTER HOME LIFE

. . . NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

. . . CHURCH LIFE RELATED TO DAILY PROBLEMS

Challenged by the forces of communism, and aware of our own national deficiencies, we Americans know that we must more successfully answer the demands of justice and humaneness in our country; that only by so doing may our nation meet the challenging test of history's "Either/Or."

Impelled by these necessities, motivated by the gospel of goodwill, guided by the teaching of Jesus, and inspired by the tradition of our fellowship, we are developing our historic ministry to the persecuted and neglected.

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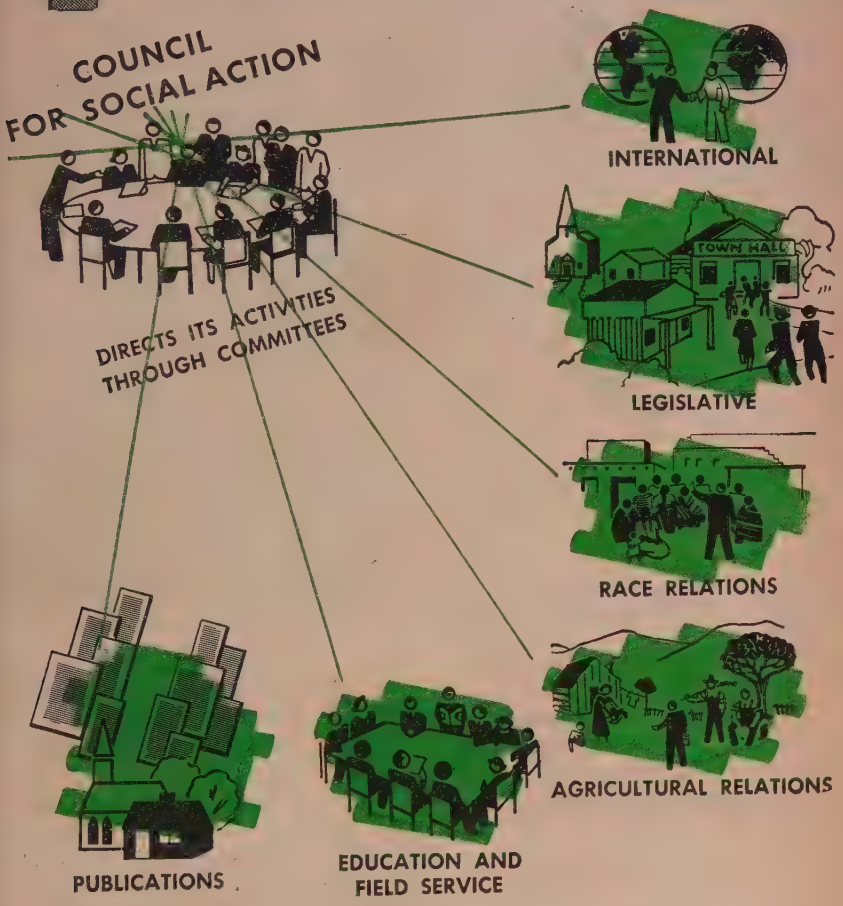
Accelerating social action

to make Christian faith and living immediately relevant to concrete social situations of today



Our Council for Social Action, through its various committees, is hard at work for a free society in which people may live without fear, where minorities receive their rights, and children grow up to be spiritually and physically healthy.

Cultivating the soil of Christian social action by careful education, plowing up old prejudices, and opening new furrows for the sowing of fresh seed, the C.S.A. conducts its program in the spirit of goodwill, relating faith to concrete problems.

EITHER . . OR

Making maximum use of audio-visual media to communicate the gospel

Although the Christian gospel is eternal and is based on things which can be neither seen nor heard, it does reveal its beauty to the discerning eye and communicates its power through the living word. Now that our capacities for sight and hearing have been vastly extended by modern science, we are employing these newer media for Christian ends. Radio and television, together with our publications, must be used to tell "the old, old story" in strikingly modern ways.

EITHER . . OR

Providing economic security for our full-time church workers in the time of retirement

It is Christian to provide for the basic economic needs of all who serve the churches into their latter years, and of all who, after long service, put down their work because of advanced age. It is impossible for most of those who labor full time in "the Lord's vineyard" to lay up for themselves sufficiently wordly treasure for their retirement. Adequate annuities are a part of our Christian obligation. *Our Christian World Mission* is helping to meet this need.

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Dear Friends and Fellow-Workers:

It is indeed a great privilege and an opportunity to become a member of the great fellowship of Congregational Christians in this state. In spite of some years' absence I do not in any way feel transplanted, because this is my home and native state. I am looking forward to meeting you individually and visiting in your churches. I shall need your assistance in many ways. It is our hope that we may build a stronger educational system which will best meet our needs through uniting our forces within the Conference. This will of course take time and perhaps we do not have a clear vision of just where to begin or where we are going. However, the most important reason is to know *why*.

VENTURE IN FAITH

Like Abraham of old, when he heard God's call to go to a far land, we too must have faith — faith that we are going in the right direction because we have answered a call and are obeying it. Abraham knew not where he was going but he knew *why*. He had a purpose — a purpose because he was obeying his God. We can easily become discouraged because of political and international struggles today, but as religious and Christian peoples we must venture forth, holding fast to the ideals in which we believe. We believe the church has a unique function in helping people to know God, their relationship to him and their fellowmen. We must not forget that each of us has a part in upholding its aims and purposes. We have a specific job to do and talents to share in building the Christian community into one world. If we are to be effective we must have a religion that is vital, creative and one which changes life. If it isn't meeting the needs of people and the day it will cease to function and die as other religions have. A true Christian wants to know what God's will is and will do his utmost in trying to follow it. This can best be done through study, worship, fellowship and practice. Faith can give us power to adventure beyond the beaten path. The kind of faith we have largely determines what we can do. A man of great faith has great power. Faith does not come by mere wishful thinking. Man receives his strength and courage by tapping the great reservoirs of power available to all who

seek it. Through these sources he receives vision and insight. Thus he does not go forward blindly but does so with intelligence, enthusiasm and steadfastness. This we must do in order to make progress. We too must know *why* we are working and purposing towards a goal.

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NEEDED! COMMITTED MEN AND WOMEN

First of all we need men and women who are committed to the way of life as set forth in the teachings of Jesus — men and women who have convictions because of certain vital religious experiences. Through Christian Education we seek to serve the great purposes of the church. The primary interest of the church has always been in persons and the development of their character and personality. As parents and teachers we are entrusted with a great responsibility. We have within our hands the most precious of materials. It is our great privilege to mould and shape the lives of our future generation and the destiny of the world. We are well aware of our inadequacies and the difficulty of this task. As teachers we have a job of conserving as well as creating. Youth needs the guidance of experienced leaders with convictions and insight to give them something substantial on which to build. We have too long sold our teachers on the idea that theirs is an easy job and one that need not take a lot of time. We have too often been willing to put our church duties in second place. Are we not all guilty of compromising with the demands of secularism?

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NEED OF COMBINED FORCES

It is true that as an educational institution we have not always given as much guidance and leadership as is needed. Parents have not always given us the support we need. The church is aware of these problems and is doing its utmost to plan courses of study and related activities so that these needs may be more adequately met. The new courses of study are full of the *how,* the *what* and the *why.* Through wholesome activity new experiences of sharing and fellowship should result. They are designed to bring together all the groups under a common theme and purpose. It is not possible for the minister with all his parish duties to give the necessary time in teaching and supervision — nor any one person for that matter. For this reason the new Pilgrim Series has been planned so that the minister's time may be used to greater advantage in helping to supplement the background material for teachers and leaders. The courses are purposely constructed as they are so that this may be done. Guidance is given to teachers and parents through the use of a manual and home materials.

We hope we may be able to share our ideas with each other through institutes and area or group meetings. In this way we may be able to gain support as well as inspiration from one another. We will be able to reach a larger number of churches with better leadership through a plan of this kind. It has been demonstrated that much improvement has resulted where smaller communities have been the recipients of institutes and leadership training programs. It is not possible to acquire the necessary leadership without combining our talents and sharing them.

As we venture forth on our journey of faith may we find new joys and inspiration in our great fellowship together.

PAULINE BLOOMER,
Associate in Christian Educ.
and Field Work

Kansas At LaForet

THE PASTOR'S SCHOOL

Five ministers of the Kansas State Conference attended this year's Western Pastors' School at LaForet, Colorado, July 5th through August 2nd. They were Frank Worthington of Ottawa, Dale Turner of Lawrence, Ray Jones of Topeka First, Steve Jones of Downs, and George Fisk of Wichita Fairmount. This school has been located for the last two years in the beautiful Black Forest area some seventeen miles north of Colorado Springs. The camp site is a former estate which was given jointly to the Colorado Conference and our National Board of Home Missions. It is located 7,000 feet above sea level in the midst of the Ponderosa Pine Forest looking out upon Pikes Peak and the neighboring mountains. All who attended were thrilled and uplifted by this magnificent environment. Everything possible has been done for the convenience of the campers: new cabins with hot and cold water, and fire places have been added to the older quarters. One should surely mention the splendid food which was served daily to the ministers, whose appetites were enlarged by the mountain air.

Impressive though the environment was the greater thing was the splendid faculty which had been secured by Dr. Stanley U. North, Dean of the School. Dr. Elden Mills, Minister at West Hartford, Connecticut, whose church has been selected by the Christian Century as one of the ten leading churches of all denominations in the United States, led the course in worship. Dr. Alan Wehrli, of Eden Theological Seminary, with his fine course on the Old Testament. Dr. Clyde Yarbrough conducted an excellent course on the use of the speaking voice. Dr. Julian Hartt, of the Yale Divinity School, encouraged the school in the study of theology. The Rev. James Waery, of Waterbury, Connecticut, led the choral music. Other leaders who made contributions in their fields were: Dr. William F. Frazier, New Testament, Miss Grace Storms of Boston, Religious Education, Mr. Alexander Ferguson, of New York City, the use of audio-visual aids, and Dr. Henry Smith Lieper, of the World Council of Churches, the Ecumenical Church.

It is understood that this school costs the Board of Missions in the neighborhood of $12,000, and it might seem that this is a rather large amount of money for a month's education for about 75 of our ministers. However, I feel that this money is being spent well, realistically, and will in the long run do more for the good of our churches across the country than would a similar amount of money granted to one church's building fund. The school was a strenuous mental experience and yet we all felt that in extending ourselves we should be better fitted to go back to our home churches and do the job that lies before us.

GEORGE W. FISK

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The annual Leadership Workshop of the Congregational-Christian Churches was held at beautiful Camp LaForet near Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 2-6. This was the first time that the workshop was sponsored jointly by the Kansas and Colorado Conferences. All who attended felt that it was a real success. One might think it would be lonely away from the city, deep in the Black Forest of towering pines, but it could never be lonely with the friendliness and fellowship of about one hundred Colorado and Kansas people, all interested in furthering the work of the Lord.

LaForet is composed of the main lodge, the spacious dining room, the chapel and twelve large modern cabins. Each cabin can house sixteen persons and each has a fireplace that was really a delight on those chilly evenings.

The Camp Day began with the Devotional service in the chapel at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, and departmental classes at 9:00 o'clock. At 11:00 o'clock Dr. Allan Wehrli presented "The Old Testament Today" with a continuation of it at 4:15 in the afternoon. Lunch was served at 12:15. From lunch time until 3:00 o'clock there was a free period for recreation or rest. At 3:00 o'clock Dr. Wofford Timmons had a class on "Evangelism in Religious Education." Dinner was at 6:00 o'clock with a Fellowship hour and Vesper service later in the evening.

The Workship staff was composed of Mrs. Dorothy Carl for teachers of Beginners and Primary, Mrs. Edna Trickey for Juniors, and Rev. Dale Turner for those interested in High and Junior High work. Miss Pauline Bloomer, our Associate in Christian Education and Field Work was present to give help and suggestions to the Kansas people.

Churches from Kansas represented at LaForet were: Little River, Seneca, Lenora, Towanda, Whitewater, Great Bend, Wichita Plymouth, Lawrence Plymouth, Wakefield and Garden City — a total of 31 adults and children.

See you all at LaForet next summer! It's really a grand place.

— Mrs. Ralph Carlson
Towanda, Kansas

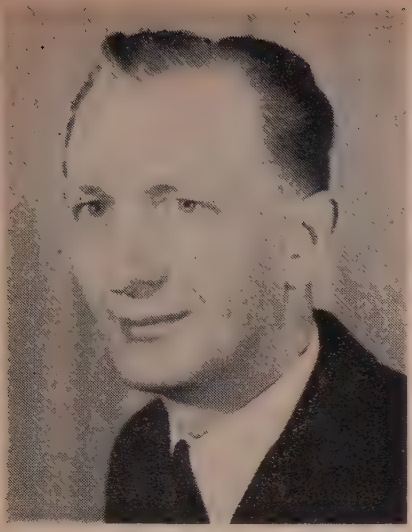
MASS MEETING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE

First Congregational Church in Emporia was host to more than two hundred Congregationalists at the Second Annual Mass Meeting on September 10.

Guest leaders included Mrs. Judson E. Fiebiger of Grinnell, Iowa. Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher of New York City and Dr. Lucius C. Porter of China.

The Mass Meeting was followed on Monday by a Planning Conference where all boards and major committees made plans for the church year.

Mrs. Judson E. Fiebiger
Guest Speaker



Rev. Hans M. Poppe

RUSSELL CALLS PASTOR

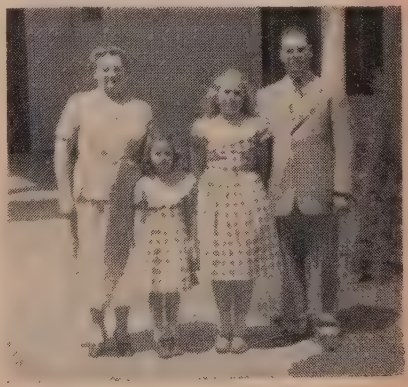
On September 1st Hans Poppe began his pastorate at Russell Congregational Church and Gorham Community Church. Mr. Poppe has seminary degrees from Yankton School of Theology and Oberlin Graduate School. He comes to Kansas largely on the recommendation of Dr. Joseph King, Jr. formerly minister at Lawrence Plymouth and now minister at Oberlin First. For the past three years Mr. Poppe has served the Congregational Church at Brighton, Ohio. Having just completed a renovation and remodeling job at Brighton he comes to the Russell Church at a time when they are carrying through such an endeavor. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Poppe and a baby girl born in late July to Kansas.

UNRUH TO SEDGWICK

Noah D. Unruh of 420 East Fourth St., Newton has been called to the pastorate of our Sedgwick Church. Mr. Unruh is an ordained minister of the Mennonite Church, having served churches of this faith in Oklahoma and Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Unruh and two daughters, ages 10 and 6 moved to the Sedgwick manse in September. Mr. Unruh has been working in the Lehman Hardware store for several years. Mr. Lehman is an active layman in our Newton Church and has been ill for some weeks this summer. It will be necessary, therefore for Mr. Unruh to continue part-time in the store this fall.

PARKS TO TOWANDA

Rev. H. M. Parks, minister of the Burchfield Methodist Church, near Anthony, Kansas has accepted the pastorate of the Towanda Christian Church. Mr. Parks is a graduate of Greenville Illinois College and has taken some work at Perkins Seminary, Dallas, Texas. The Bonnys at Anthony assure us that Mr. and Mrs. Parks have a record of fine co-operative and constructive work. They have a six year old daughter. The Towanda Church has given the Parks family a hearty welcome and the pastorate is starting out with a marked increase in attendance at church and Sunday School.



Rev. and Mrs. Noah Unruh and family

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. John W. Gibson, *President*

Dear Congregational-Christian Women of Kansas:

I wish I might tell you how very much I enjoy the work of the Women's Department! I enjoy it because it has opened avenues of thought and deed satisfying and rewarding. For every talent a woman possesses there is some phase of the work she may do. If she likes to write, there are letters to compose, newspaper publicity to prepare, articles for our local and state papers, services to arrange for particular occasions. If she is an artist there are posters to design, pamphlet covers to originate, scenery to paint, for the plays the dramatist has written. Ability to sing or play an instrument is a gift appreciated by young and old — it is especially gratifying to have our own members so endowed.

Women have always used the needle; when it is threaded for garments made to clothe the needy and beautify the old, it is an art indeed.

A flair for business, whether it be for organization or for the handling of money is most helpful in Women's Work, and it is encouraging to know, that the competence of women executives is an accepted fact, both in planning and carrying out details and in directing the work of others. Careful handling of money is well entrusted to our sex; fortunately we can find women capable and willing to handle our accounts. To carry out plans for successful ingathering of funds used to carry on the far flung interests of our group necessitates the conviction that the need is vital; we have women giving valuable time and talent for that purpose.

Do you wonder why I enjoy the work of the Women's Department when I tell you that there are women possessing each of these talents carrying on at present, cooperating with others of varied ability, all dedicated to the Master's Work?

— Hortense B. C. Gibson
(Mrs. John W.)

THE OUTLOOK FOR WOMAN'S GIFT

Every woman in our denomination who read the article "Each One Teach One" in August 5, 1950 Colliers can beam with pride because a project so dear to her heart is receiving world approval. We continue to support Laubach and Literacy this next year.

Our national project is the support of Family Life Literature. Let us do all we can to encourage the use of material on Family Life. Couples groups in every church should make use of all helps provided by Pilgrim Press. Another one of our national projects is extension work to provide churches in growing areas. Our Woman's Gift Fund which went over the top this year, enabled us to give $362.00 to Colonial Church in Prairie Village at Kansas City, Kansas. It is one of thirty-three places encouraged by national survey.

You will be happy to know that within the state we have been able to award two scholarships of $250.00 each and give $200.00 toward the field expense of Miss Pauline Bloomer our new Associate in Christian Education and Field Work. Applications come in for new awards to students who are taking ministerial training. We are glad our Fund is sought for

such worthwhile work and we are able to meet the demand.

It was a joy to have Miss Helen Kenyon receive our gifts this spring at our Dedication. Her appropriate remarks in her position as National Moderator made a delightful close to our last year's efforts. Let us now look forward to another successful year as we move on to attain our larger goal. May this success give us the joy and courage to go forth into our new year and again succeed.

— Amelia L. Jack
(Mrs. R. F. Jack)
Woman's Gift Secretary

Our Missions Council's Ione Catton, who knows from memory the words of two or three hundred hymns would not doubt greatly enjoy Albert Edward Bailey's "The Gospel in Hymns" recently published by Charles Scribners' Sons in New York. It is a beautiful book, one we'd all like to have in our libraries.

A Kansas visitor this summer was Miss Pepronia Merjanian of Beirut, Lebanon who is remaining in the United States to do advance work at Union Theological Seminary, after getting an M.A. in religious education at Hartford Seminary. She spoke at Wichita Fairmount and Plymouth, also Mt. Hope, Whitewater and Newton, while visiting with her physician brother in Wichita. The Merjanians are Armenians, one of the oldest of the Christian groups.

Mrs. Ralph Shrader of Boston who wrote the pageant voices for the dedication of the Woman's Gift in Cleveland hopes to have it published for interdenominational use. It was a beautiful service, fitting for the dedication of the biennium's gift of $192,000.

One of the most enjoyable of the Women's Meetings was the luncheon held June 26th at Higbee's Tea Room for presidents and past presidents of Women's State organizations. The table decorations represented the various departments of the Michigan group and were very original. As usual Iowa had the largest number of women from the Midwest region. Mrs. J. W. Gibson was the only one present from Kansas.

Especially interested in Charles P. Taft's talk on the Welfare State, were the three lawyer delegates from Kansas attending General Council, Dan Hopkins from Garden City, Roscoe Graves from Emporia and Benjamin Bowers from Ottawa.

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GLEANINGS FROM GENERAL COUNCIL

At the biennial meeting of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches held in Cleveland, Ohio June 22nd to 26th the Reverend Dr. Vere V. Loper, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, California was elected moderator, succeeding Miss Helen Kenyon. Accepting the moderator's cross, Dr. Loper said, "The raucous voices of the Oberlin General Council, contending in regard to the merger, have settled in two years into a comparative calm here at Cleveland. The tendency of most of us is to say to those who would continue to deal with differences in a combative spirit: "We cannot come down to you; we have work to do!"

"And so," continued Dr. Loper, "let us see to it that the excursion into the far country is over, that we return to our Father's house seeking forgiveness, and ready to go to work on the major and central functions of our churches. Yesterday will soon be a bad dream; forgotten by those who are absorbed by the complex and thrilling task of cooperating with God in the building of his kingdom in and

through the church of Jesus Christ, our Lord."

In like spirit was the resolution proposed by Dr. L. Wendell Fifield of Brooklyn, N. Y. and accepted by the General Council: "That the Executive Committee appoint a special committee representing all points of view to make a careful study of the principles and polity of Congregationalism. This study is to have particular reference to the spiritual and legal methods for the participation of the free autonomous fellowships in the ecumenical movement."

The constituting of this committee says Dr. Fifield, is not to be interpreted as affecting any past decisions of the General Council. The committee has no powers other than those of study and report to the General Council.

Outstanding contribution of the Layman's Fellowship was the talk by Charles P. Taft, recent president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America on *Christians and the Welfare State*. Immediately following was the pageant "Voices" put on by the National Fellowship of Congregational-Christian Women dedicating for the biennium the Woman's Gift of $192,654.

The Churchmanship award of the Council for Social Action was presented to the Honorable Willard L. Thorp in recognition of his services as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and also as a member of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; after which Dr. Thorp spoke to the delegates of the General Council on "The Roots of American Foreign Policy."

Roots and Fruits was the keynote of the biennial report of the Board of Home Missions which was interpreted by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Secretary of the Board, as follows: "The local church is both root and fruit to the missionary cause" and "the missionary enterprise is the fruit as well as the root of the local church." A concrete example — The Montana Conference supported for many years by the Home Board is "now of age" and with its fifty churches is proceeding on its own power.

The world was with us when missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions took their places in the audience on Friday, having come from the far corners of the earth to share with us their experiences and join with us in worship. A great mind and soul, that of Ronald Bridges, assumed the helm of the American Board, though recent injuries made his already frail body more of a cross to him.

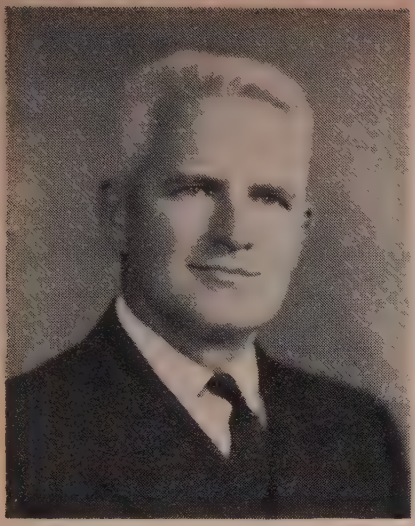
Most enlightening was Dr. Henry Smith Leiper's assertion that Joe Stalin through his secret agents, knows more about the World Council of Churches than anyone else. Why? Because he sees "in it one of the major obstacles to the conquest of the world for materialistic, dictatorial Communism. It is a paradox, is it not, that what we now see going on, disturbs the enemies of Christ more than it interests many of His professed friends?"

High purpose and desire for participation in the Ecumenical Movement, while still remaining an autonomous church, marked the 1950 session of the General Council.

— Mrs. John W. Gibson

DR. HORNUNG FROM HUTCHINSON

The work here has grown beyond one's right to expect. The average attendance since January 1st has been 129. Thirty nine new members have been received. The parsonage has been completely redecorated and many repairs have been made at the church, including new carpeting and a new spinet piano in the sanctuary — and it is all paid for. Dr. and Mrs. Hornung spent August in Green Mt. Falls, Colorado.



Rev. H. S. Hanlin

FALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Wichita Fairmount will be host to Southern Association on Tuesday, October 3 with Mrs. W. J. Rudrauff presiding as Moderator and the Rev. George Fisk entertaining pastor.

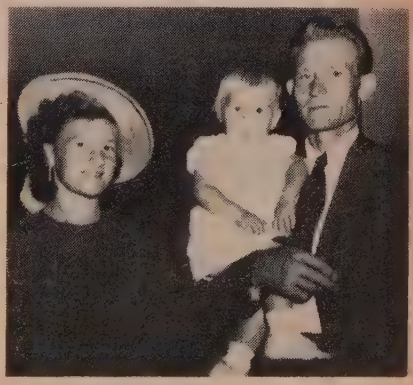
Eastern will meet October 5 in Kansas City. The day-time session will be held at Kansas City Rosedale with the Rev. John Nansen and his people. The evening meal will be served at Colonial Church in Prairie Village with the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes as host pastor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith and their people will entertain Western's two-day session on October 8 and 9. The Rev. Millard Marshall of Kinsley is Moderator.

The Rev. H. S. Hanlin of the Marshall and Caroline Islands will be present for all three meetings. Miss Pauline Bloomer, State Conference Associate in Christian Education and Field Work will tell of her hopes and plans in that field. The Rev. O. E. Bonny of Anthony who has spent the past six months in Europe will bring first hand information of conditions there. Plan for large delegations at these important sessions.

MANHATTAN WELCOMES D. P. FAMILY

The last week in June the Congregationalists in Manhattan received word that their D.P. family was at last on their way across the seas and would land in New Orleans on July 6. A little farm home a few miles southeast of Manhattan had been ready for them for several months, except for the finishing touches which were quickly provided by generous donations of bedding, towels and groceries. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Haylett who had offered the job assurance, Rev. Charles T. Brewster and a group of the women and young people were at the station to welcome the family made up of Mr. Svetislav Milojevic, his wife Theresa and their sweet 14 months old daughter Margot, who learned to walk while on the journey across the ocean. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Milojevic understand much English, but one of the language professors at Kansas State College gave some of his vacation time helping them learn the language. Margot's baptism at the church service on July 30th was a big event for the Manhattan church.



Mr. and Mrs. Milojevic and Margot

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

JAPANESE YOUTH RETREAT NEAR TOKYO

Dear Mrs. Rymph:

We have heard about you from Mr. Shinji Iwamura who is our intimate friend and studying now in the Andover-Newton Seminary. I am very glad to write and thank you for the contribution from your Senior High boys and girls of your Fellowship.

We are organizing a movement called the Salt of the Earth Club among the former Congregational churches. Its main purpose is to promote the Christian fellowship of young boys and girls in each church and among these churches. But one of the main purposes of the Club is to gather some earnest students in Faith in a remote place every summer to hold a Retreat. There the students are encouraged to make a decision to devote themselves to the mission work for Christ all the rest of their lives.

Formerly the meeting was held in the Kansai (Western) district near Kyoto every summer, but since last year we have been holding them at two places, both in the Kansai and the Kanto (Eastern) district near Tokyo.

For his summer retreat, we were collecting money from several churches, but as it was not enough for our entire expenses, we were praying for money. Then the Good News came from Mr. Iwamura that he had sent an offering from your group through the ABCFM, Boston, Mass.

All the Committee members for the retreat have thanked God and have been inspired by the Holy Spirit. Thirty-two Senior High boys and girls gathered together at the Youth Centre at Itsukaichi, west suburb of Tokyo city, from 15 churches in the Eastern part of Japan.

During 4 days, Aug. 4-7, we had such meetings as Early Morning Prayers, Bible Study, lectures on Sin, Salvation and Worship Service, and a service for Decision for those who wished to offer themselves to the ministry. At that service when we appealed to those who had decided to become ministers to stand and come forward, ten boys and a girl rose, came forward, and knelt in prayer. At that moment all of us also received the Holy Spirit, and this is really a revival of new faith, we believe.

As a token of our thanks, I enclose a picture of our retreat with the signatures of the members on the back.

May God bless all of you who have shared and helped us, we pray.

Always faithfully yours,
NORIMICHI EBIZAWA,
One of the leaders in the Salt of the Earth Retreat.

NOTE — The Senior Camp sent $335.40 to this project in Japan and we are very happy to have such prompt response regarding the good accomplished. This is a part of OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION. Junior High camp sent $120 to Japan and $120 to China.

UNCLE ED HOWARD TO CHAPLAINCY

The Rev. E. R. Howard resigned as state sponsor of Pilgrim Fellowship before reporting for active duty as the Chaplain of a Marine unit late in August. Uncle Ed has served as sponsor and camp director for two years and will be greatly missed. A successor to complete the unexpired term of one year will be announced by the Central Committee of officers. This committee is made up of Jim Bass — President, Judy Tate — Secretary, Mrs. L. M. Rymph — Treasurer and the Rev. Charles T. Brewster — State Junior High Sponsor.

Nancy Ruehlen

Seven years at Wa-Shun-Ga is the record completed by Nancy Ruehlen of McPherson at the close of the 1950 summer session. Nancy was with us the very first year we met at Wa-Shun-Ga and has been a loyal camper each year since. Last year she was instrumental in promoting the first state-wide rally in her home church.

STATE-WIDE RALLY

The Rev. Vernon E. F. Benson and his people have again agreed to entertain the Senior state-wide rally. This second annual event will open Friday afternoon November 3, and close with a luncheon on Saturday, November 4. Overnight entertainment will be arranged by the host church. Guaranteed reservations must be made in advance. Last year 225 made reservations and 175 actually came. This is unfair to the host church and we trust that a more accurate count will be made by ministers and sponsors this year.

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Milford P. F. recently cleared $80 at their annual Pet Parade and Ice Cream Social under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Waldo Crippen.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Diamond Jubilee

More than 300 people attended the 75th anniversary celebration at Maple Hill Congregational Church on June 4. The newly redecorated and remodeled sanctuary is a constant joy to all. The Rev. Harald Wisegarver is the pastor.

Robinsons Leave Centralia

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson and their two small daughters had their farewell Sunday at Centralia on August 13. A covered dish dinner followed the morning service and the Robinson's were given four place settings of sterling silver.

Neuchatel

This country church has been redecorated and Church School reopened under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Heinz Schwarz of Onaga. The school meets at 9:30 A.M. in order that those who care to may drive to Onaga for the morning worship.

New Brown Manse

Wichita Fairmount sold the old manse, former home of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, and are building a new house for George and Jean Fisk and their family. The new home is due to be completed by mid-September.

Topeka Central

More than 25,000 roses were used at the seventh annual rose festival held on June 11th under the leadership of Dr. Charles W. Helsley.

Tools for India

The McPherson Church made a project of gathering tools for the school directed by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Heineman in India. In addition to many tools a check for more than $40 was sent to the Heineman's to be used to buy other tools.

Vacation Church Schools

Kansas City Rosedale had a total enrollment of 110 with the Primary and Junior ages meeting the first two weeks after public school and the Beginner's group the following two weeks. The sessions closed with an evening program for one group and a party given by the mothers for the younger ones.

More than 120 children attended the V.C.S. at Wichita Fairmount early in June. Mrs. T. A. Howell was principal of the school.

Kansas City Welborn held their school in the afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 with 68 children enrolled.

Ottawa conducted a school for the first time in a number of years. About 30 children attended.

Topeka First held the first school for many years with 65 children enrolled.

Featured at Lawrence Plymouth where more than seventy boys and girls attended were "Stories Jesus Told" related by the Rev. Dale Turner.

Topeka Seaman school was climaxed on July 23rd by a lovely pageant in which more than seventy children took part in costume.

Five successful schools were conducted by Mildred Yoder and Louise Reed, Student Summer Service Workers from Schauffler College. Following a week at Junior High Camp the girls held schools at Kinsley, Lenora, Almena, Kiowa and Pauline.

S.S.S. at Pauline and Wabaunsee

Two young men preparing for the ministry have also given over their summer to Student Summer Service in Kansas. Lou Bender has done an outstanding piece of work at Pauline has rendered service at Wabaunsee. and Carbondale while Norman Manz

Dear Jack and Jill:

Today I want to answer your question about what our churches are *doing.* I liked the spirit shown in your letter which indicates you are not satisfied with things as they are. Plenty of people agree with you. I hope you will continue to help your church in its broad ministry of worship and work. It is true, as you said despairingly in your letter, many churches are dying on their foundations because they do nothing for a Christian ministry to our world.

A CONCERNED FELLOWSHIP

You have caught the right idea in that the church is a fellowship which ought to serve. If it does not, then it is not the church. We call this ministry of a concerned fellowship *Our Christian World Mission.* That covers most of the things we do in our denominational program. Our mission is to give Christian witness, and disinterested service, to alleviate suffering in our block as well as in tent villages of Lebanon. It's all one job. It's all *Our Christian World Mission.* Pilgrim Fellowship is committed to this program of service and giving.

One part of our work, as you well know, is what the local church can do in its own community. The time you fought for, and won, an unsegregated swimming pool in your city park is a good example of the church at work in its own community. Recently I heard of a church which sponsors a Play School for little tots. A group of students runs a club and a leisure time program in an old store in a big busy city. Such things, too, belong to *Our Christian World Mission,* even though they may not be on the national budget.

The new churches appearing in communities which did not exist two years ago is another aspect of *Our Christian World Mission.* It is the State Conference, oftentimes, which in cooperation with the Board of Home Missions, serves the Ruths and the Bills and their families by helping erect new churches with good Christian leadership in America's new communities.

But, as you would say, this is a "big deal." Our job extends across the nation. Did you know we had been doing a great deal of work with the American Indians? Now the Indians in whom we are particularly interest-

ed, have to move — lock, stock and barrel. A great government dam is to be built near our Fort Berthold Mission and the whole reservation will be flooded. The mission and the 2000 Indians must move. Because of what we as Christians believe about people, Pilgrim Fellowship says it is important to help these Indian friends.

WORLD MISSION

I am sure you have heard of Delmo in Missouri. Those isolated villages of strangers are now welded into a friendly community with Christian leadership provided by our churches. We sponsor seven such community centers in various parts of the country, each one doing something for the good of its community life. It is through *Our Christian World Mission* that we help all these people. This particular kind of work is administered by our Board of Home Missions and State Conferences.

Jill, you are absolutely right in reminding your group that ours is a *world* mission. Too often we forget our friends who are serving as missionaries in far away places. But what they do is fascinating and tremendously important.

You have heard of the *Morning Star,* our missionary ship, haven't you? Frequent passengers on it are Charles and Gertrude Heuser, and sons, Charles and Douglas, missionaries in Micronesia. They work on the island of Truk, but they, along with Miss Dederer, a friend to many of our young people, often travel by ship to the other islands.

Another way to answer your question as to what our churches are doing, is to remind you of the ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, farmers, accountants, editors, directors of Christian education, who are at work abroad. They have gone in our name to tell of a loving God and of the faith they have in him because they know Jesus. It is important to remember the people at work in Japan, Africa, India; in Syria, Turkey and in China; in Mexico, the Philippines and Greece. It is important to remember they are teaching the Christian way of life to people who have never heard this message. Ours is a far-flung work conducted by our American Board for Foreign Missions in fifteen missions around the world.

Believe it or not, our churches have a "mission" in Washington, D. C., too. Pilgrim Fellowship is now concerned, you know, with the role Protestants are playing (or not playing) in the field of social action. Therefore, young people are planning an emphasis on Christian political action. Of course we are concerned about the whole field of social problems in which our Christian consciences must operate. When Nebraska young people condemned a policy of racial segregation in their local hotel, or when Rhode Island youth held a United Nations seminar and visited Lake Success, they were working for *Our Christian World Mission.* Directing this enterprise of education, consultation, interpretation of world affairs, and Congressional legislation is our Council for Social Action. Support of this important work is part of our job.

SCHOOLS FOR REFUGEES

The news behind the news in the troubled conditions in Palestine is that, since 1948, tent cities have been springing up in Syria and Lebanon. These are settlements crowded with Arab refugees from newly established Israel. The men in the tent cities are farmers who have no land, or small villagers who are without jobs. That means suffering for the children. The refugees have been fed by other agencies, but the Congregational Christian Service Committee has pro-

vided schools. The schools have become feeding centers and clinics for the visits of the nurse and doctor. Night classes for older young people are provided. Religious instruction has developed with the Christians. What we are able to do for 120,000 refugees in Lebanon is pitiful compared to the gigantic need. Would that we could serve more — better! *Our Christian World Mission* wants to help these homeless people and the thousands like them in many places and conditions.

Your church has been waiting for its next DP family, hasn't it? This is one of the biggest jobs confronting us now. *Our Christian World Mission* is trying to support the Service Committee in its effort to place and help in the adjustment of 1200 displaced persons, our denominational quota.

But I must stop. You are probably overwhelmed, as I am, by the great ministry Christian people have to perform. Every single item of it is important. Whether it is teaching boys and girls on Truk; printing good literature for children in Turkey; helping Luis learn a skill in Puerto Rico; feeding Elka in Leban-

Illustrations of some of the ways by which Iowa P.F. members earned project money.

on; teaching agricultural techniques to Africans; or helping our Indian friends find pastors and now move their entire reservation; it is all our Christian ministry to people. It is working in the name of Christ in the spirit of love.

You know, it was some young people who first gave us the idea. Some Christian students at Williams College had the vision of a Christian mission throughout the world. On an August afternoon in 1806 they were holding a prayer meeting in a maple grove near their school, when a storm came up. They took shelter from the rain under a haystack. Samuel J. Mills proposed that missionaries be sent to Asia. They must have been thinking the same things you have been thinking about — "Can't the church *do* something?" Mills said to his friends, "We can do it, if we will." Our American missionary movement overseas started at that "Haystack prayer meeting." They did it.

We can do it too: "If we will."

MONEY PROJECTS

Pilgrim Fellowship believes in all this work our churches are doing. It wants to have an active share in it. The best way most of us can work for *Our Christian World Mission* is to give money to support the work. Not all of us can go abroad to serve, but our money can. Some PF members have actually gone themselves to do the work. Bob and Mary Wood in Japan, Connie and Larry Stanton in Mexico, and Ken Moyer in Turkey are some of those serving in our name.

Pilgrim Fellowship believes in two kinds of giving to the church: 1. Every young person making a pledge to his church for local expenses and for benevolences; 2. Giving by local groups to State PF budgets for our share in *Our Christian World Mission*. Pilgrim Fellowship members will be doing everything from baby-sitting, to jerking sodas, to picking corn, and washing cars. A day of work — for others. That's what you can do! We ought to raise thousands of dollars in that way on October 28, 1950. It will increase your devotion to Christ and his cause if you really work for him.

"IF WE WILL"

Of course through the year you and your group will be doing many things to raise money for the work of our churches around the world. You may have money-raising projects, or you may pledge money out of your earnings. But you will do something to help raise the money to do the work of our Christian fellowship in service around the world.

During Lent you will want to work on the special Lenten projects for Pilgrim Fellowship which, too, will be specific items in *Our Christian World Mission* calling for our support.

Plan your budget, your programs, your projects to accomplish something for others. Support your State Pilgrim Fellowship projects. Make your church — all our churches — strong enough to do the jobs that need to be done. Pilgrim Fellowship is committed to this plan and this program. I believe you, Jack and Jill, and many more along with you, care enough to do it. And, "We can do it, if we will."

Have you seen the new 1950-1951 Pilgrim Fellowship Packet? It contains program materials and suggestions you can't afford to miss. Write to Henry R. Rust, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass., for information and a sample of these excellent materials.

FEATURE FILM OF THE YEAR

SECOND CHANCE

Feature length Hollywood-made film for our fellowship. The story of Ed and Emily Dean, typical Christian Americans, who started their marriage intending to find real happiness and satisfaction in life, serving each other and their church and community. Through mismanagement of the little things of life, seeking the wrong things, having no clear Christian conviction, they come to see, after thirty years together, how far they have missed their goals. An epic motion picture of highest technical quality, dramatic, true to life, intense. Based on an original story by Faith Baldwin, and featuring Ruth Warrick, John Hubbard, and Hugh Beaumont, well-known Hollywood personalities. *Second Chance* is acclaimed wherever shown as *the* religious picture released to date. *(State Conference.)* Available *only* to Congregational Christians until January, 1951. *(Released to other denominations after Jan. 1, 1951 for $15 per day.)*
80 minutes — Free to Congregational Christians only

FOR USE WITH *SECOND CHANCE*

(Order these *Second Chance* materials from your State Conference)

Attendance Builder. A two-color mailing piece, which can also be used as a small poster, describing the movie. Don't show *Second Chance* without using this Attendance Builder. Free.

Use Guide for *Second Chance*. This folder provides background material, necessary preparations, and a suggested program for the showing of the movie. One copy will be sent when the film is ordered. Free.

We, too, have Our Second Chances. An illustrated four-page folder for distribution following the showing of the movie, *Second Chance*. Everyone who sees the movie should be handed a copy of this folder. Free.

SPECIAL

Map of the History of Our Congregational Christian Churches in America. This authoritative and beautiful five-color map, called "an outstanding piece of work" by Gaius Glenn Atkins will help your people to visualize *Our Christian World Mission.* Now only $1.00 a copy.

Christian World Facts — 1951, about 96 pages. Published in pocket magazine size by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Contains source material for ministers which is unavailable elsewhere.
One copy free; additional copies 25¢ each.

EITHER . . OR

AROUND THE WORLD

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, representing our Congregational Christian churches, is at work in twelve countries, meeting the challenge of the "Either/Or" around the world.

Through our missionaries and Christian institutions, in hearty cooperation with national Christian leaders, we are there in the very midst of the significant opportunities and grave needs which today challenge men's wisdom and courage. The basic issues of this violent century are being faced — and many of them are being resolved — in the very areas where we are represented by our established missions.

In each of the mission fields, there are local churches and national leaders, with whom our missionaries cooperate on equal terms. Where ours is the only mission agency at work, we carry the administrative responsibility alone. Where other Christian denominations are also represented, we work with them closely, often as part of a united church.

"There can be no permanent growth of goodwill and peace on earth," Dr. David McKeith, Jr., executive vice-president of the American Board has declared, "unless we do our part in the liberation of all people from the bondage of hate and fear. More national leaders — and more missionaries — are needed. Backed by the members of our churches, we can provide the Protestant leadership so essential to the spiritual development of people."

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NATIONAL LEADERS

STRENGTHENING
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COOPERATION

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BUILDING AND
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Building and strengthening churches

As soon as a number of people in a community have accepted the Christian faith, they gather themselves, under guidance, into a church.

MISSIONS	PEOPLE FOR WHICH RESPONSIBLE	CHURCHES IN NEED OF SUPPORT	CHURCHES SELF-SUPPORTING	TOTAL
EAST AFRICA*	60,000		10	10
SOUTH AFRICA*	134,300	12	26	38
WEST CENTRAL AFRICA*	705,000		21	21
FOOCHOW	920,000	19	3	22
NORTH CHINA	7,569,000	25	9	34
SHAOWU	480,000	15		15
CEYLON	141,545		23	23
MADURA	2,521,776	32		32
MARATHI	1,305,000	46	8	54
JAPAN**	80,000,000	24	1,176	1,200
MEXICO	2,150,000	8	1	9
MICRONESIA	29,600	99	13	112
NEAR EAST	5,551,000	30	8	38
PHILIPPINES	500,000	172		172
TOTALS (1948-1949)	102,067,221	482	1,298	1,780

* Number of Church Organizations (Each incl. several Congregations).
** In united Church of Christ in Japan.

As soon as possible, the church becomes independent under the leadership of its own pastor and officers. But it often happens that local churches are unable to achieve independence. Then, our missionaries stand by them — working, however, toward their independence.

The pictograph above gives a clear picture of our mission fields. We are responsible for the Christian welfare of more than 100,000,000 people, served by 1,700 churches. Of these, nearly three out of four are self-supporting. We must help all to become so!

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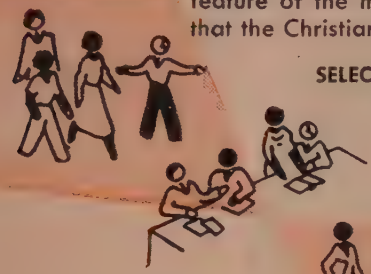
Training and developing national leaders

The rise of national or local Christian leaders on our mission fields is not only the most encouraging feature of the missionary movement; it means also that the Christian church "has struck root."



SELECTING NATIONALS
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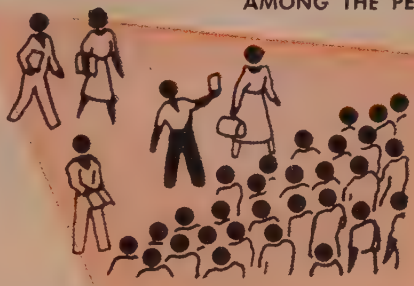
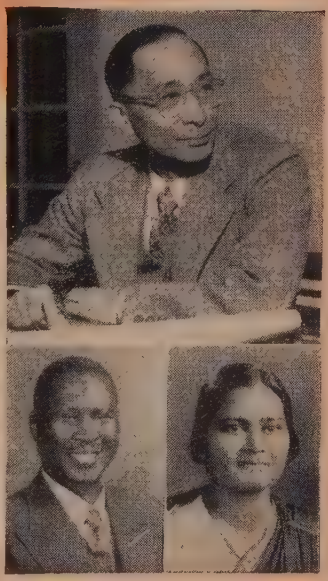


NATIONAL LEADERS

The historic policy of our American Board for Foreign Missions has been to help the people in each field to reach their highest potentialities as Christian leaders. A constant process of selection is going on to discover latent ability, and when persons are discovered who have unusual leadership gifts, they are given opportunities for training — in teaching, evangelism, social work, medicine and other disciplines. The American Board conducts an International Seminar each year to which many of these trainees are invited with expenses paid. At right, three well-known national Christian leaders from Japan, Africa and India.



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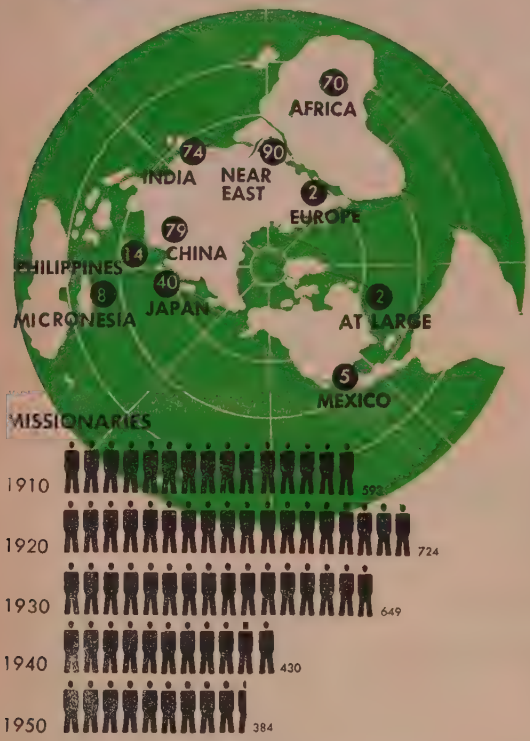
Sending and supporting missionaries



We have in all our mission fields today fewer missionaries than we had thirty years ago: then 724, now 384. However, we have today 8,000 national Christian leaders, while in 1920 there were less than 5,000. Nevertheless, 384 missionaries are not enough! There is need for added personnel, recruited here in the U.S., to strengthen the work abroad where it requires outside stimulation and assistance. Thirty recruits were commissioned and sent out two years ago. An equal number will probably go to the field in 1950. Fifty are urgently needed in 1951. Your gift to *Our Christian World Mission* will make this goal possible.

384 MISSIONARIES

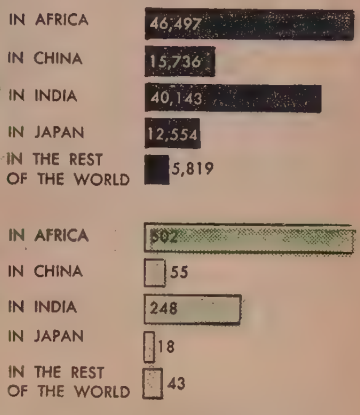
TEACHING SPREADING THE GOSPEL HEALING

EITHER . . OR

Establishing and maintaining Christian schools

A Christian school on the mission field differs from other educational institutions in at least this one respect. The personality of Jesus, the philosophy of life that grew out of his teaching and character, the way of living which those who have faith in him are impelled to try to follow — these basic elements are present, either explicitly or implicitly, in every class and course. *Our Christian World Mission* promotes Christian education.

120,749 young people and children are under Christian instruction in our 866 schools overseas



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Extending our mission of healing

EVERY HOUR
DAY AND NIGHT
65 PATIENTS
ARE TREATED
BY 72 AMERICAN AND
NATIONAL PHYSICIANS
AND BY 273 AMERICAN
AND NATIONAL NURSES
IN 91 HOSPITALS

AND THE 33 DISPENSARIES
ARE GIVING 671,501
TREATMENTS YEARLY

There is no better way of demonstrating God's goodness or the good news of a God who loves than through medical missions. "How far did this doctor come?" asked a patient in Turkey. "Sixteen days' journey," was the answer. "Why?" "They say because he loves so much! That's it! You can see it in his hands and face." Thus our doctors and nurses work to free the body from sickness and the soul from fear — in Christ's name.

EITHER . . OR

Supplying modern means for the spread of the gospel

OUR MISSIONARIES ARE PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF MODERN TECHNIQUES

The American Board is adapting the best technological instruments to the service of the gospel. Our leaders are skilled in employing them. We must see to it that they have at their disposal all the instrumentalities, all the modern media of communication, and all the know-how that can be obtained or supplied. Our missionaries must have visual aids of every sort, radio and broadcasting training, and competently written and edited literature. In addition, some must be ready with most advanced methods in scientific agronomy, and others must know how to deal with the complexities of modern social and industrial life.

EITHER . . OR

Strengthening interdenominational cooperation

In view of the vast size and spread of our American Board constituency — with a potential parish of over one hundred million people — we obviously must develop plans for a united facing of the challenge. Denominational competition on the mission field is mostly a thing of the past. No single denomination could carry the tremendous responsibility. We are doing the job together as our united answer to the "Either/Or" of this second half of the twentieth century. This is essential.

EITHER . . OR

Providing for the retirement of our missionaries

ONE YEAR'S EXPENSES FOR RETIRED MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THIS COUNTRY (1948-'49)

When the pioneers of goodwill, justice and liberation have grown old in this challenging service around the world, it is our task to see that their long years of service are rewarded by at least a minimum of material security. An adequate provision for the retirement of our missionaries is an integral part of *Our Christian World Mission*.

Our Service Committee has given relief to more than 700,000 victims of the Greek civil war, particularly in the north where ours is the only American church agency. In Lebanon, the Committee opened twelve schools for Arab refugee children, whose families also receive relief and a spiritual ministry.

Joining with youth from Europe, Britain and Japan, our young people have contributed much to the strengthening of church life in Europe and England. The World Council of Churches, with our help, also sponsors scholarships to provide new trained leadership for the churches of Europe.

RELIEF and RECONSTRUCTION

The material and spiritual scars of World War II are still showing themselves in all their ugliness. A chief concern of *Our Christian World Mission,* through its Relief and Reconstruction program, has been to join with other fellowships in cleansing, restoring and reconstructing the broken tissues of life. The need is so immense that it staggers our imagination. We cannot do all that is required — or that may be needed — but the problem has alerted our compassion and kindled our response. We are a fellowship of service.

We serve this war-torn world through the Relief and Reconstruction Fund of *Our Christian World Mission.* Its allocation committee meets each month to assess needs and appropriate amounts available. These sums are administered by the agencies illustrated, and appropriations have been made also for church workers' relief in China and Japan, the Christian University in Japan, CARE, CROP, and the work of the American Bible Society.

Our interdenominational relief agency, Church World Service, has provided "passports to freedom" for many thousands of Protestant and Orthodox Displaced Persons. It administers CROP, and has sent abroad large shipments of sugar, canned foods, medicine and clothing.

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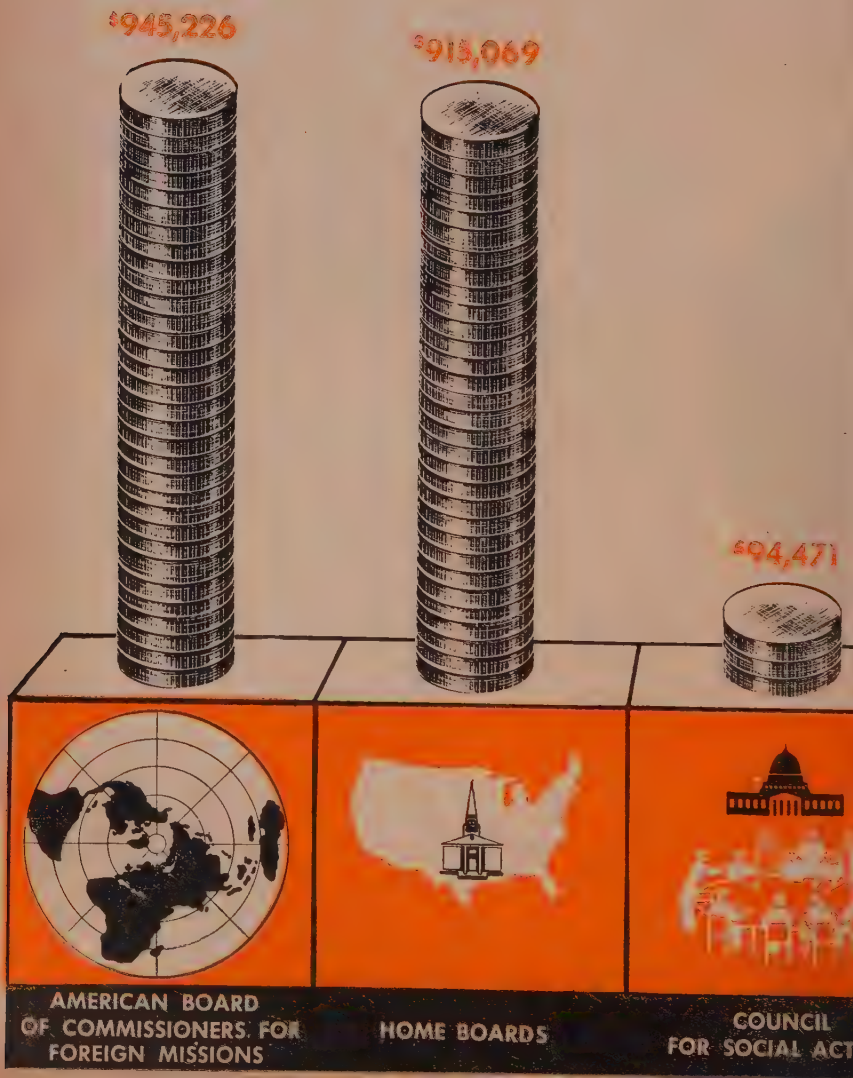
1949 RECEIPTS

for *Our Christian World Mission*



The financial goal of *Our Christian World Mission* is $6,280,216 annually.

This was the amount proposed by the Survey Committee after careful study of the needs and responsibilities. It was voted by the Midwinter Meeting of representatives of our churches in Cleveland in February, 1948, and approved by the General Council in Oberlin in June, 1948. It represents the judgment of ministers, laymen and women, secretaries and executives as to the amount needed to underwrite the minimum program of Christian services we Congregational Christians and our churches should now be doing through the American Board for Foreign Missions, the Home Boards (the Board of Home Missions and the Pension Board), the Council for Social Action, the State Conferences, and Relief and Reconstruction.

In the first year of *Our Christian World Mission* (1949), we attained approximately 59 per cent of the goal.

You, who are the members of our Congregational Christian churches, will decide with your gifts how much more than this is raised in 1950. Give generously!

The Missions Council Seeks To Serve

The Missions Council is the promotional and educational agency of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and the Council for Social Action. It receives its budgetary support from these parent bodies, plus amounts from the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers and Relief and Reconstruction funds. It serves all these bodies, and, in addition, the local churches, the State Conferences and General Council.

The Missions Council functions primarily in the areas of missionary education, stewardship, and giving. However the degree to which it serves all the interests in our fellowship is evidenced in the multiple tasks it performs through its departments and committees.

DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

The Woman's Work Department directs the entire work of the National Council of Congregational Christian Women.

The Relief and Reconstruction Department cultivates giving for this important work, promotes *One Great Hour of Sharing* and cooperates with Church World Service and other relief and reconstruction organizations.

The Missionary Education Committee cooperates in planning and producing the missionary education materials in the Pilgrim Series of church school curricula, cultivates missionary education in the local churches, works with the Missionary Education Movement and coordinates in general the missionary education interests of our fellowship.

The Christian Stewardship Department provides leadership and material aids for the cultivation of Christian stewardship in individuals and churches. It serves the Stewardship Commission of the General Council with executive leadership and financial support.

The Committee on Systematic and Proportionate Giving, through Planned Education for the Every Member Canvass, provides the local churches with guides, turnover charts, visual aids, and literature for raising the total budget of the church, both for local expenses and benevolences.

The Literature Department, including *The Missionary Herald* and Conference Editions, provides literature through which the churches are kept in touch with the needs and progress of the work they are doing through the Conferences, Boards, and other arms of their outreach to the world.

The Speakers' Bureau enlists personnel and assigns speakers and leaders to churches, association and conference meetings, young people's and adult summer conferences, retreats, training institutes, and numerous other occasions.

The Visual Aids Department produces visual aids materials for the direct promotion of the work of the Boards and makes available to the churches visual aids on other matters of interest of the denomination and the churches.

The News Bureau and Publicity Secretary furnishes newspapers with news

items and publicity material on speakers and events. It covers all important meetings of the Boards and of the Missions Council and seeks to present the benevolence work of our fellowship to the general public.

The Research Secretaries channel specific information about the work, directly from the field to the churches through letters from missionaries, brochures, and correspondence with program-builders in the local churches.

The Project Department assists churches to objectify and personalize their missionary giving through the adoption of specific projects in units of persons, institutions, missions, and mission fields.

Friendly Service is the channel through which women's groups in the local churches supply missionary institutions at home and overseas, and so cooperate with workers in schools, hospitals, and service centers.

The Special Gifts Department affords individuals and church organizations a way to invest life and money where circumstances do not break through and steal, and where security is immediate and eternal.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Through the executive and administrative officers these many functions are coordinated, constructive contact is maintained with interdenominational organizations engaged in kindred work, and the benevolence outreach of the local church, through Conferences and Boards, is conjoined with such movements as the Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council, the United Stewardship Council, Religion in American Life, and the United Church Canvass.

Underlying all the work of the Missions Council is the understanding that the Boards and other Benevolence Societies are the channels through which the local church may the more readily fulfil its Christian World Mission. In that spirit the Missions Council seeks to serve.

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LITERATURE

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Either/Or. The 1950-1951 restatement of the meaning, the objectives and achievements of *Our Christian World Mission.* This report, which is the special October issue of *The Missionary Herald,* is presented in two-color pictographs, with a minimum of text. Free.

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